IV.—ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that the following six members were nominated for election to the Select Committee to consider the amendments to the Madras Council Rules :—

1 Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthi
2 ,, T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai
3 ,, P. P. Ummer Koya
4 Sri T. Purushotham
5 ,, Mohamed Raza Khan
6 ,, G. Krishnamoorthi.

As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, six, they have been declared to be duly elected under Regulation 2 (6) of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote.

" Under Rule 188 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated Sri S. Narsapaya, one of the members of the current panel of Vice-Chairmen of the Council, as a member of the Committee.

" The Deputy Chairman and the Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam (mover of the motion) are ex-officio members of the Committee."

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (NO. 3) BILL, 1955 (L.A. BILL NO. 18 OF 1955).

3-20 p.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill* [a], 1955 (*L.A. Bill No.* 18 *of* 1955), *as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.*'

I do not propose to make any speech at this stage. If any points are raised during the discussion, I shall answer them."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Motion moved—

'That the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1955), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.' "

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I only want to say one word. I want to bring to your notice that the excess expenditure amounted to Rs. 98,54,123, nearly a crore of rupees. This expenditure was incurred in one year without the department concerned knowing that they were spending more than what was granted by the Legislature. It is not a few thousand rupees, but is nearly a crore of rupees. I desire that this should not be repeated hereafter. Of course, some mistakes might be made here and there. But in this case, mistakes amounting to a crore of rupees is too much to be expected by any efficient Government Department."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, no doubt the Appropriation Bill shows an amount of Rs. 98 lakhs. But it does not mean that there was so much of over-expenditure. As a

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 316-317 infra.

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matter of fact there should have been surrenders also, but we cannot take that into account. Whatever be the amount surrendered even in a particular Department, that cannot be appropriated for any other item. That is why whatever might have been the extra expenditure, we have to come before the Legislature to have it ratified. So, this does not give the true picture of the over-expenditure during that year. That will have to be looked into with reference to the revised estimate and the actual accounts on that date. As already explained during the general discussion of the budget, some of these expenses over and above the sanctioned amount is inevitable. Certainly it should be our endeavour to see that this is reduced as much as possible. But with the best of our efforts we cannot avoid this over-expenditure at least to a certain extent."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1955), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.'"

The motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clause 2 and the Schedule were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1955), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.*'"

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1955), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'"

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed.

(2) THE MADRAS CITY POLICE AND GAMING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955 (L.A. BILL NO. 13 OF 1955).[a]

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Regarding the other two Bills which were passed by the Assembly yesterday, I am told by the Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam that the Madras City Police and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, 1955, is urgent. So, that may be taken up to-day and the other Bill, i.e., the Police (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1955, may be adjourned to the next date."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The third Bill, i.e., the Police (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1955, is a simpler one without any complications. But still as a matter of principle if the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition wants at least one Bill to be adjourned, I have no objection.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 317–320 infra.